

NEW BREITUNG SHIPS MAY UNRAVEL DACIA TANGLE WITH ALLIES

Ward Liner, Always Under American Registry, Bought—May Be Substituted for German Voyage.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The purchase by Edward N. Breitung, of Marquette, Mich., of the Ward Line steamship Segurana for use as a cotton ship, as reported from New York last night, attracted the attention of officials and others who have been following the status of the steamship Dacia, which is also owned by Mr. Breitung, and will be captured if sent on her proposed voyage to Rotterdam.

Officials here professed to have no knowledge of the purchase of the Segurana, but made it plain that the Segurana would, if sent to Germany with cotton, have a wholly different status from that of the Dacia.

Washington is wondering whether the Segurana will be substituted for the Dacia to avoid complications with England, but no official would admit that any such hint and rumors had been taken into consideration.

NARBERTH'S CHAMPION ATHLETES AS ACTORS

Will Appear in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and Other Sketches.

Narberth's champion athletes will be displayed, physically and histrionically, in a minstrel show to be given by the Narberth Glee Club for the benefit of the Narberth Fire Company, in Elm Hall, tonight and tomorrow night. All the "Thespians" will be selected from the champion athletes of the town who have turned out in the past year. At the right will be the 1914 championship football team; at the left the 1914 basketball champions, and the 1914 tennis champions. The show will be directed by the producer, W. W. Dennis, who will be the prospective winners of this year's basketball title. Mr. Dennis also directed the rehearsals of the show and wrote the songs. The feature of the evening will be the closing sketch, a burlesque on "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Harry Brown will play Uncle Tom; William McGargo, the athletic Vernon Fickel; Tom; Harold Speakman, Eliza; Frank Cliff, Simon Legree; Newton Compton, Mr. Wilson; Earl Dickey, "Willie"; and Irvin Ward, Mark. The orchestra will be under the direction of Miss Belle Show.

SMALLER CITY COUNCIL FAVORED BY POTTER

Reforms Impossible With "Unwieldy Government," He Says.

Real reform in the city of Philadelphia is impossible with the present form of "unwieldy government" in the opinion of Select Councilman Sheldon Potter, who was one of the principal speakers at the fifteenth annual dinner of the Grocers and Importers Exchange at the Bellevue-Stratford last night.

HOSE CONDEMNED IN TEST

Two Lengths Out of Ten Fail to Stand Pressure.

Out of 10 lengths of hose tested at the fire headquarters, Juniper and Race streets, today, two were condemned. Both belonged to Engine Company No. 2, Warwick and Berks streets.

\$500,000 GUNCOTTON ORDER

Warren, Pa., Plans Takes Allies' War Contract.

WARREN, Pa., Jan. 29.—Work was begun yesterday on a \$500,000 contract by the Warren Chemical Products Company. The contract is for gun cotton for England and Russia. Day and night shifts are being worked.

Train Damaged at North Wales

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 29.—The breaking of a wheel caused a car of a freight train to wreck over an embankment at North Wales this morning, blocking traffic for some time.

ENGLAND'S HUMAN WORK

Elizabeth Robins Pennell Describes Scenes in Hospitals.

A document of human interest portraying the problems being met and conquered each day by England, "The tight little isle," in caring for the horde of Belgian wounded and destitute has been written for the Public Ledger by Elizabeth Robins Pennell. The story will appear exclusively in the Public Ledger next Sunday.

PROTEST AGAINST BELL "JUNKET" GROWS IN FORCE

Ex-Governor Pennypacker and Others Unite in Condemning Proposed Imperiling of Relic.

"The Liberty Bell ought never to be permitted, under any circumstances whatever, to be taken away from Independence Hall."

This statement was made by ex-Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, president of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, today, in opposing the reported plans of Chairman John P. Connelly, of the Finance Committee of Councils, to send the Liberty Bell, with a Councilmanic body guard, from Independence Hall to the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Members of many patriotic organizations said today they were opposed to having Organization-controlled Councilmen going along as guardians of the famous relic. Should Chairman Connelly introduce a bill next Tuesday in Council to send the bell to the exposition, he will be besieged with resolutions from many organizations protesting against the measure.

Transportation of the bell to the coast will result disastrously and possibly in making a wreck out of it, is the opinion expressed today by women and men who for years have been strongly opposed to its removal from Philadelphia.

A meeting at which the Liberty Bell will be discussed, will be held next Wednesday by members of the Pennsylvania Society of the Daughters of the Revolution at the home of Mrs. Marshall Collingwood, 318 Hamilton street.

Ex-Governor Pennypacker today said that no Mayor or Councilmanic body should be permitted to do the famous bell any harm. He said that the proper place for the bell was in Independence Hall.

"The citizens of Philadelphia are probably the only people on earth to whom such an improper proposal, the removal of the bell across the continent could be made with any possibility of success," said Mr. Pennypacker.

"The people of all nationalities who have seen the crown of England must go to London. If they want to see 'La Gioconda' must go to the Louvre in Paris, unless it has been stolen, and those who want to see Rembrandt's 'Night Watch' must go to Amsterdam."

"A decent self-respect would lead us to feel that Independence Hall ought never be dismantled. People ought to be encouraged to come here from London, Pekin and San Francisco, and to see the crown of England and the Liberty Bell should remain here the same as any other relic. Mrs. Perry said that the bell should be left undisturbed."

"Before Councils of this city vote in favor of sending the bell away I hope they will give the matter careful thought," said Mrs. Perry.

TO TAX CORPORATE REALTY

City Solicitor Would End Exemption on \$5,000,000 in Lands.

Draft of an act to compel the Rapid Transit Company, Philadelphia Electric Company, United Gas Improvement Company and the Bell and Keystone Telephone Companies to pay taxes on realty aggregating approximately \$5,000,000, has been sent to Councils Committee on Legislation by City Solicitor Ryan, for introduction in the Legislature.

If the bill becomes a law the real estate of the public service corporations in Philadelphia no longer will be exempt from taxation. The number of land parcels held by the corporations are: Rapid Transit Company, 21; Philadelphia Electric Company, 23; Bell Telephone Company, 19; United Gas Improvement Company, 12.

Do not believe there is any moral right for the nonpayment of taxes to the city of Philadelphia by these corporations upon these separate pieces of real estate," said the City Solicitor in his letter to the councilmanic committee.

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CARNATION BOUQUETS MARK MCKINLEY'S BIRTHDAY



Mrs. Marie Heyl Ginty and infant son today decorated the McKinley bust in the Postoffice Building with pink carnations in honor of the dead President's 72d birthday. It is a custom the former has observed for many years.

PACIFIC COAST SWEEP BY A FURIOUS STORM

Rail Traffic Paralyzed and Great Damage at Many Places.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 29.—Rail traffic is paralyzed and much damage has been done property by a storm that has been raging for 24 hours.

The heavy rain in Cajon Pass near Los Angeles, today put the Santa Fe's double track system through the mountains out of operation and its new line has been buried under a landslide. As far as known no lives have been lost. Los Angeles and Pasadena have been literally deluged with rain. At Long Beach the high tide swept the amusement district and flooded many stores and residences.

Pomona, Azusa, Redondo Beach and various other places are damaged. Orange picking the Riverside district has been halted. Unusual high tides are battering the Santa Barbara water front.

Numerous fishing fleets were still at sea, but they may have reached safety in some island port. A heavy downpour was reported at San Diego.

BUSINESS MEN'S PROGRAM

50 Associations Join Campaign for Improvements.

A program of activities has been prepared by the United Business Men's Association, including campaigns for better transit, a larger police force, the construction of the proposed Pennsylvania bridge to connect this city and Camden, and a continuance of the fight against the passenger rate increase by the railroad.

This program was announced last night at the annual meeting of the association, held in the Continental Hotel. The meeting was attended by 200 delegates representing 50 affiliated bodies of merchants and business men from all parts of the city and Camden. It was reported that 17 associations had joined the organization in the last year.

Officers were re-elected as follows: President, William Hancock, vice president, Edward Noppe and Louis Sues; secretary, Charles H. von Tazew; financial secretary, William R. Horn, and treasurer, Hayes Boyne.

FIGHT ON RUM IN DELAWARE

"Wets" and "Drys" in Contest Over Two Counties.

DOVER, Del., Jan. 29.—The contest of "wets" and "drys" over Kent and Sussex counties, purged of saloons seven years ago, was renewed in the Legislature today, when Representative Jones, one of the "wet" leaders, introduced a re-authorization bill. It provides that the local option question shall be voted upon at the 1915 election and every eight years thereafter.

Clubwomen, reinforced by several manufacturers, appeared before the Revised Statutes Committee to protest against the proposed repeal of the 19-hour woman's employment bill.

Senator Hickman announced he would introduce an amendment to permit women to work "as long as they wanted, provided they were paid for it."

BOY RUN DOWN BY AUTO

Eight-year-old John Shemp, of East Price street, Germantown, is at the German-town Hospital with concussion of the brain as a result of being run down by an automobile at Price street and Germantown avenue this afternoon. His condition is serious. The automobile was driven by Edward Biddle, 147 East Cheltenham avenue, chauffeur for Frank Brinshurst, 623 Green street. Biddle was arrested by Policeman Tener.

PUPILS OBSERVE BLAINE DAY

Special exercises commemorating the birthday of James G. Blaine will be held this afternoon in the Blaine School, 8th and Norris streets. There will be singing by the pupils, and the reading of an essay by Edward W. Jones, of the 8th grade.

The principal address will be delivered by William D. Lewis, principal of the William Penn High School.

Miss McAdoo to Nurse Wounded

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Mrs. Ginty had been anticipated on her patriotic errand and found the pedestal and its base almost hidden beneath a mass of carnations from other admirers of President McKinley. All the employees of the Postoffice wore mementos of the occasion in the shape of pink buttonhole carnations. These are distributed each year by the members of the Postoffice Association.

Mrs. Ginty today told the story of her devotion to the memory of the martyred President. She was 8 years old when President McKinley came here to address an encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Her father took her to the session at which the President was present and she had a front seat. She was sitting very earnestly up into the face of the great man, for it was the first time she had ever seen a president, when Mr. McKinley stooped, patted her head and said, "What is your name, little girl?"

"Marie," piped the 8-year-old. "The president stepped toward her, raised her in his arms and said: 'God bless you, my little friend. Never forget the President.'"

"I promise," she answered, and today she said she had never forgotten. After the death of the President, Mrs. Ginty said, she reproduced in silk-embroidery the famous McKinley campaign button with the portrait of the President and the two crossed flags and sent it to Mrs. McKinley. Soon she received in return a pair of blue bedroom slippers which Mrs. McKinley had knit with her own hands, and until the demise of the President's widow the two corresponded.

In 1905 Mrs. Heyl spent two months at Canton, Ohio, with Mrs. McKinley, from whom she received a gift ring set with emeralds and pearls.

The card attached to the offering of carnations which Mrs. Ginty laid before the monument, read: "In memory of Our Beloved President, the Honorable William McKinley, from his Friend, Mrs. Marie Heyl Ginty."

President Wears Pink Carnation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—A pink carnation in honor of McKinley Day was on the President's lapel today.

Fire Alarms by Wireless

LYNN, Mass., Jan. 29.—Wireless equipment installed at the Highland Fire Station will enable the department to send out alarms by means of the Marconi Company. This is said to be the first time that the wireless has been turned to such a purpose.

CROWN PRINCE IMPROVING

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—Crown Prince Frederick William, who has been ill from influenza, is improving so rapidly that the Crown Princess has cancelled plans for a visit to her husband's bedside.

DELAWARE LEGISLATURE FLOODED BY NEW BILLS

Big Delegation Protests Against Repeal of 10-Hour Act.

DOVER, Del., Jan. 29.—Headed by club-women and representatives of labor unions, a delegation of 200 this morning appeared before the House Committee on Labor to protest against the repeal of the 10-hour law covering employment of women.

The Governor is authorized and empowered to appoint three highway commissioners for three-year terms, not more than two of whom shall be of the same political party.

Reorganization of the State Board of Health is provided in a bill presented by Senator Hickman. The present board is abolished under the act and the Governor is empowered to appoint three members, one from each county.

A law and order anti-liquor bill provides that resident judges in "wet" counties may revoke licenses upon receipt of evidence establishing violation of the license laws by a licensee. The measure also provides a slight increase in the amount of license fee paid.

OFFICERS HERE TO RECEIVE WARSHIP FOR ARGENTINA

Crew of 800 Also Ready to Go on Board the Moreno.

Fifty officers of the battleship Moreno, the first super-dreadnought ever constructed for the Argentine Republic, are finishing touches which are now being put on at the New York Shipbuilding Company's yards, Camden, have arrived in this city and are now quartered on the transporta Chaco and Pampa, at Dock street wharf.

The officers, most of them between the ages of 22 and 25, are a well-trained body of men. They are graduates of the Naval Academy at Buenos Aires, modeled on the same lines as that at Annapolis. Many of them are accomplished linguists, speaking not only their mother tongue—Spanish—but Portuguese, Italian, French, German and English as well.

A crew of 800 men are also quartered on the Chaco and Pampa, both of which are Government transports. They are to be the Moreno, under command of Captain Ismael Gallindez, will sail for San Francisco in the latter part of February by way of the Panama canal, and will take part in the naval review.

LEE AGAIN SIDETRACKED

Congressman's Chance for Subtreasurer's Berth Vanishes.

Congressman Robert E. Lee, of Schuylkill County, will not be appointed United States subtreasurer here, as was generally expected, but the appointment will go to Montgomery County as the result of a political agreement made two years ago. Schuylkill and Montgomery, it was arranged, should have a big appointment each. Schuylkill was rewarded by the appointment of Mr. Noonan as United States Marshal at Philadelphia, so the subtreasurership is Montgomery's.

In the last campaign Congressman Lee supported the Palmer wing of the party but was himself defeated because of his strong support of the State organization. It was generally believed that he would be rewarded for his fealty and that the reward would be the subtreasurership.

Beware Lone Wolf Bank Notes

Captain Matthew Griffen, of the United States Secret Service, received word from the Treasury Department today to warn all storekeepers here to be on the lookout for a "dangersome and deceptive" \$10 bank-note. The banknote is one of the series of 1902, of the First National Bank of Lone Wolf, Oklahoma, and is said to be an excellent imitation.

Trousers A Specialty JONES 1116 Walnut Street.

Annual Shopworn Sale

Opportunities for Women It's worth while to look for your size on these tables—

- Tableful of Evening Slippers—\$3.00 varied styles; were up to \$10; now... Tableful of Patent Leather Boots \$5.00 that were \$8 and \$9, now... Tableful of Street Pumps, all \$4.00 styles; your choice at...

Steigerwalt 1420 Chestnut St. "Where only the best is good enough."

BOY HELD AS ROBBER

Believed to Have Stolen Metal Valued at \$10,000.

A clue to a band of thieves, believed to be responsible for thefts of 50,000 pounds of copper electrotype plates of dictionaries valued at \$10,000, was obtained today, the police say, in the arrest of Patsy Tollasi, 19 years old, of 117 North 8th street. The boy was caught in the plant of George F. Lasher, publisher, 147 North 10th street.

Magnistrate Emery held Tollasi in \$200 bail for a later hearing, at the request of detectives who are trying to find the stolen metal. The capture was made by John A. Carrell, engineer in the Lasher plant, who rigged a burglar alarm on a small doorway leading from a fire escape.

At 7 o'clock this morning a bell in the engine room rang and Carrell ran up a 4d caught Tollasi. He was recognized by members of the firm as a youth who had been hanging about the place for some time. The police believe a band of thieves has been using the boy to get the electrotype metal.

STATE CHARITIES WILL SUFFER BY TREASURY DEFICIT

Necessity for Cutting Appropriations Gives Brumbaugh a "Club" Over the Legislature.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 29.—Charitable institutions of the State will suffer for the next two years because of the deficit of \$291,600.43 which exists in the State Treasury balances as the result of the increased appropriations made during the Toner Administration.

Experts have figured that the present Legislature can appropriate only about \$3,500,000 from the amount appropriated by the last Legislature.

The deficit of nearly \$4,000,000 must be made up, and the only way it can be done is to cut down the appropriations and possibly increase the State taxes. This would be so unpopular that it would be resorted to only as a last resource. It has not been seriously considered.

The ordinary expenses of the State are the first appropriations that are considered by the Legislature, and these will be the same, approximately, as during the last two years. Governor Brumbaugh has requested these figures from the heads of the various State departments and will receive them at a conference of the department chiefs, Attorney General Brown and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees next week.

Expenses for the State school system will receive serious consideration, and after these appropriations have been made the wards of the State—the insane and the criminals—will be provided for. Charitable bequests will be considered last by the Administration in drafting the schedule of appropriations. They must bear most of the burden of the estimated decrease of \$5,500,000 in the revenues which will be available annually, and, in addition, will most probably be further cut down by a large appropriation for State roads which Governor Brumbaugh is expected to request.

State Senators and members of the House have been obtaining appropriations for hospitals and charitable institutions in their home districts, and have depended upon these appropriations for much of their political strength at home.

Governor Brumbaugh, it is believed, will use the estimated decrease in the State revenues as a club over the heads of members of the Legislature to force them into line for economy measures. He is in a position to tie up the charitable appropriations for their districts and he can force many members to support his local option, workmen's compensation and child labor measures, the three bills over which a break is threatened.

The State Board of Public Charities is expected to make its recommendations within a week or two, and will probably reduce the requested appropriations 50 per cent.

Legislature Asked to Divide Texas

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 29.—A bill has been introduced into the State Legislature by Senator Johnson providing for the creation of a new State by separating the western half of Texas from the eastern. The proposed name of the new State is Jefferson.

MAX F. STOHR

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 29.—Aged 67, Max F. Stoeber, a well known editor of German papers published in this city, died here today.

FREE-TRIP WINNERS TO SEE EXPOSITIONS AT THEIR VERY BEST

Everything to Be Running Systematically in June, When Lucky Fifty Will Pay Visit to Coast.

Philadelphians participating in the contest of the EVENING LEDGER and the PUBLIC LEDGER will be interested to know that the great Panama-Pacific Exposition, to which the 50 winning contestants will be sent free of charge to them, is to open in the near future.

The Panama-California Exposition at San Diego opened the first of the year and is now in full swing. Exhibits are being placed in the San Francisco Exposition now. Contestants who win places among the lucky 50 may congratulate themselves on the time picked out for their trip next June.

By that time all the exhibits will have been placed and everything will be running systematically. The weather then will be ideal and, all in all, that time will be the best to visit the twin expositions. It will also be the best time to stop off and see the great natural wonders of the West, through which the EVENING LEDGER and PUBLIC LEDGER winners will travel.

As has been pointed out before, this trip affords opportunity to get almost as much knowledge of foreign countries as one could have obtained by a tour of Europe prior to the war. Of course, it is impossible to do any touring in the countries now at war, and thousands of American travelers are making plans to spend their vacations this year in the great West, viewing the natural wonders of the country and visiting the twin expositions.

Entry in this great contest may be made by sending in your name to the contest editor on the blank provided for that purpose in the advertisement. The opportunities for obtaining subscriptions to the EVENING LEDGER and PUBLIC LEDGER are virtually unlimited, as both papers carry special features every day that appeal to every member of the family circle. Contestants now at work are making this fact of inestimable aid to them in obtaining subscriptions.

Such a Clearance Sale of High-Class Overcoats

May well be a Boon to many a man!

Economize and still be handsomely, comfortably, warmly dressed!

For \$28, Overcoats of such beauty that we fear lest we fall into the commonplace of vulgar exaggeration when we attempt to tell you of them!

Mostly imported fabrics and "N. B. T." making, they sold a-plenty for \$45, \$40 to our regular customers all season!

Your size may be the finest of the lot! A \$45 Coat for \$28; or a \$30 Coat for \$17; a \$20 Coat for \$12 or an \$18 Coat for \$10!

Suits at Reductions!

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10-Piece Jacobean Dining Room Suite \$173.00 Buffet Illustrated MADE OF THE BEST GRADE, SOLID QUARTERED OAK, BEAUTIFULLY CARVED, TURNED AND FINISHED IN THE BEST MANNER THROUGHOUT. This is virtually the wholesale price, because we can sell to you direct. This same suite cannot be duplicated elsewhere within \$75.00 of our price, \$173.00, and consists of Buffet, China Cabinet, Serving Table, Extension Table, Five Side Chairs, One Arm Chair. OUR GUARANTEE is backed by the largest factories in the world, whose existence has covered a longer period than any furniture selling establishment doing business today. See Our Imported Period Furniture E. S. ELDRIDGE Formerly with one of Philadelphia's largest department stores. 1015-1017 Filbert Street Consolidated Furniture Manufacturers, Inc.